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WAS THERE NO LIMIT TO HUN HEARTLESSNESS?

Among the numerous stories (passing beyond almost belief) told of the heartlessness of the Huns, here is one of a large number of well authenticated ones: In a cemetery near Peronne over a thousand British and Australian soldiers slept in their graves when the German army swept over that region in the drive of last March. Each grave had been marked with a neat cross, bearing the occupant's name and regiment. But when the receding Tenth wave brought the Allies back into that country, each cross was found to have been daubed with the blackest of black paint, totally obliterating all marks of identification. What an absolutely needless exhibition of heartlessness—causing an increase of the life sorrows of the kindred of the soldier dead! However, the peaceful rest of the dead could not be disturbed by the worse than barbarous vandalism of the Huns. Thus death drew the line in behalf of the dead.

BOMBAST WELL PUNCTURED.

The Germans are now realizing the difference between the arrogance, conceit, and bombast of their leaders and the hard realities of a crushing military defeat. Before the war the Abbe Wetterlie, Austrian member of the Reichstag, now refers to his former colleagues as follows:

"My colleagues spoke of France with disdainful pity. This unfortunate country was in a state of complete decomposition. With the complicity of a venal administration and a rotten Parliament, every vice was displayed there. There was no longer either religion or morals or shame.

"Beware!" I often used to say to Erzberger when he treated me to these stereotyped phrases. "France is the country of sudden awakenings, of prodigious resurrections."

"Nonsense," he replied, in his passionate voice. "We'll overthrow your idol with our little finger. And look out for breakages. It will not be five but 50,000 millions of francs we shall exact from the conquered, and we shall impose upon her a treaty of commerce which will paralyze her for a century."

That's the way a leader of the Reichstag let go of himself while Germany was at peace with France and by official documents desired peace to continue. He no doubt voiced the sentiments and desires of the whole German military outfit. Then Wetterlie represented a hopeless minority. Too late for the Huns to heed him now. Moreover, they are too busy taking the medicine coming to them to bother with admonitions current before the war.

GERMAN POISON MUST BE KEPT OUT OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

I was just thinking about writing an editorial under the above caption when along came a copy of the New York Sun, mailed to me by a Doylestown friend, and which contained the following article. It happens to be exactly expressive of my thoughts:

"It is an important, an essential, duty of reconstruction that the school authorities of the United States should watch with unremitting vigilance the tone and contents of the text books of history that hereafter are placed in the hands of the pupils entrusted to their care.

"We know that in many instances in the past the instruction books provided for the young in this country were deliberately or ignorantly written in a way that glorified the German Empire, the house of Hohenzollern and the German people far beyond their deserts. It has been shown that this was the case not only with histories but with language text books and books prescribed for reading outside the classroom.

"We know also that the German propaganda service is to-day in unimpaired activity, by every fraudulent means familiar to it seeking to put an untrue, German interpretation on the events that brought the world to war, the occurrences of the war and the results of the war.

"There can be no doubt that the pernicious influences which fed lies to us about Germany in the past and feed lies to us in the present will endeavor, with all the skill and cunning and rascality they are capable of, to feed lies to us in the future.

"Consequently it is one of the highest duties of the educational authorities to guard the classroom of the nation now, and will continue to be one of their highest duties to guard them in the future in order that the youth of the United States shall not be misinformed as to the character and guilt of Prussia, to the end that the rising generation shall understand on whom the blood-guilt of the world war and all its horrors must forever rest."

ROTTEN sensationalism frequently consumes columns in the dailies of the large cities. The other day a Philadelphia newspaper gave the greater part of a column, small print, in an account of a wealthy club man who married a former chorus beauty and artist's model named as his co-respondent by his recently divorced wife; an implication that his attentions, as a married man, to the chorus beauty, constituted the cause for the divorce which was granted to the wife whom he had betrayed. Extended presentations to the public of such stuff, smacking of gross immorality in high life, is calculated to popularize rather than depopularize social immorality, aside from gratifying appetites that crave the impurities of sensationalism. Some, if not all, of the metropolitan dailies, have ample space for accounts relating to all manner of moral shortcomings, without a word of condemnation or admonition. It is also noteworthy that the pieties, of a popular sort, of some of the editors, is at times prominent in their literary output.

GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING's preliminary report as commander of the American Expeditionary Force to Secretary Baker is a very informative document, though it is more general than specific in character, as it was intended to be. It closes with the following words from the leader of the great American army in France, expressive of his deep feeling for those who served under him:

"I pay supreme tribute to our officers and soldiers of the line. When I think of their heroism, their patience under hardships, their unflinching spirit of offensive action, I am filled with emotion which I am unable to express. Their deeds are immortal, and they have earned the eternal gratitude of our country."

What an appropriate, deserved, and thoroughly expressive tribute. Quite characteristic of a great American General.

The farmers of Kentucky, who produce about thirty per cent. of the country's tobacco, report unusual prosperity since 1915, on account of a great increase in the price of tobacco. For the same reason, no doubt, the tobacco farmers in Lancaster county have been very prosperous during recent years, this helping to make Lancaster the richest agricultural county in the United States. The smokers and chewers of tobacco pay the tobacco bills.

From Richmond Times-Dispatch: If the Republicans of the next Congress, by their fight on Penrose and Fordney, succeed in destroying the seniority rule, they will begin with a real service to the country. That rule in the present Congress put on the Democratic party some of its most grievous handicaps.



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PROPER TIME TO HARVEST BARLEY

Climatic Conditions Have Some Influence on Stage at Which Crop Is Cut.

JUDGE MATURITY BY SPIKES

Some Varieties Shatter Badly When Ripe, While Others Do Not—Highly Priced for Hay in West Despite Coarse Awns.

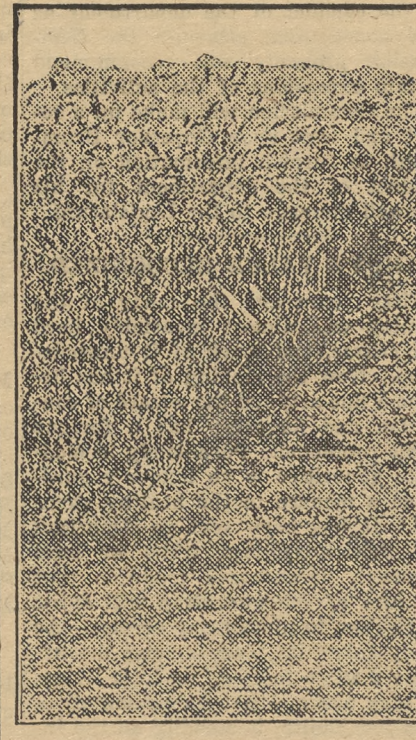
(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The time of harvesting barley depends on the use of the crop, the variety, the climate and the method used. For seed, brewing, or feed, the crop should be mature. The maturity should not be judged by the earliest spikes. If possible, the latest spikes should be mature, as this will insure that no part of the crop will be shrunken from having been harvested too soon. If the stand is thin or uneven, this may not be possible, as the earlier spikes of many varieties would begin to shatter. By maturity is meant the point where material ceases to be added to the kernel and not that the grain has become dry. There are several popular tests which indicate this period. The kernel at this time can be dehusked with the thumb-nail and retains the dent for some time. The milky juice largely disappears from the furrow. The hull begins to wrinkle on the ripest grain, showing the shrinkage of the kernel beneath. After this point is reached, ripening is merely the loss of moisture and can take place in the shock as well as if cut.

Used as Nurse Crop.
Nurse crops of barley are often cut somewhat earlier than grain crops, but this is for the purpose of favoring the development of the grass seedling with the barley and does not enter largely into the general problem of barley harvest.

As a hay crop barley is harvested still earlier. It is not, however, cut while in bloom, as is customary with many of the grasses. The grain is allowed to develop almost to its maximum. The grain content of barley hay constitutes a considerable part of its feed value. Barley is highly prized as a hay crop in the West, despite the coarse awns which frequently cause some months in horses and cattle. Sometimes the hooded varieties are grown for hay, in order to eliminate this objectionable factor. Much of the hay, however, is incidental; that is, the barley is sown for grain. If the season is favorable, it is harvested for grain; if unfavorable, it is harvested for hay.

Time to Harvest.
The time to harvest sometimes depends on the variety. Some varieties shatter badly when ripe, while others do not. Hooded and awnless sorts shatter most easily. The Coast type (Bay Brewing, California Feed, etc.) shatters much less than the other



Barley Ready for Harvest.

types. The types which shatter must be harvested promptly. The best of the Coast type can be left until the full maturity of the latest culms and suffer but moderate losses for some time after complete dryness.

The climatic conditions at the time of harvesting have some influence on the stage at which barley is cut. In a section subject to storms the harvest must be accomplished within a very few days. If the straw is too green it will not dry out properly in a humid climate and there may be mold damage. If harvest is delayed too long much grain might be lost through the occurrence of a storm, as all barleys in humid climates shatter rather easily.

There are but three common methods of harvesting barley, by the use of the binder, the header and the combined harvester. The grain binder is the implement of the intensive farmer and is by all means the best where it can be used. The grain can be cut with less loss. It can be cut at the optimum time and in the humid regions can be stored with less damage than by the other methods. When cut with the header or the combined harvester, the grain is allowed to ripen more completely than when cut with the grain binder.

VOYAGE OF HARD-LUCK SHIP

On Trip From Calcutta to United States Had Many and Serious Troubles.

A steamship that arrived the other day at an Atlantic port after a three months' voyage with 117 passengers had a rough time during the long voyage from Calcutta and South Africa, says the New York Sun. She stranded off an uncharted channel of Madagascar and was forced back to Durban for repairs.

She sailed again after three weeks' delay, returned because of a fire in the jute cargo in her hold and finally got away. Three days out Edward Gibson, automobile agent of Detroit, died of influenza and was buried at sea. Then two Chinamen indulged in a dispute about the merits of their respective tongs; one cut the other in the abdomen, and believing he had committed murder, jumped overboard and was drowned.

Everything might have been placid aboard ship thereafter had it not been for two "nationalists" from the Transvaal, who noisily advocated the smashing of all flag allegiance and said particularly hard things about the Stars and Stripes and the British ensign. They were surprised when they were held up and sent to Ellis Island on the charge of uttering seditious sentiments. Their fellow passengers said they were among the I. W. W.'s of South Africa.

Dr. James Denton of Stamford, Conn., who had been in the Belgian Congo helping to treat about 5,000 natives for tropical diseases, praised the Belgians for their swiftness in driving out the Germans and regretted that he had come back too late to join the medical forces in France, as was his intention. Mrs. Edward Calvert, who is known as Mme. Gainsborough to folks of Cape Town, and who coyly admits that she is the "smartest milliner in South Africa," comes here to buy goods.

LEFT BOTTLE AS SENTINEL

And Two Weary Privates Had Perfectly Good Explanation of Where They Got the Champagne.

About 10 o'clock on the morning of the brigade's arrival at a beautiful little town that looked, under the morning summer sun, as if it might be a million miles from the battle front, the peaceful scene was accentuated by two boyish privates of squad 17 size, obviously strays from their company, at the side of the street just around the corner from headquarters.

One was sleeping, as only a soldier who has seen five days of battle can sleep, his head dangling carelessly over a mud-stained cap. The other had one foot on the table and was, ruefully, but rather listlessly, his capital wound of battle, a blistered foot. Before them, as conspicuous as the top sergeant at morning roll call, stood, in its labeled and tinselled glory, an empty champagne bottle. Every rank from sergeant to brigadier general passed them, tried to look shocked, and failed.

By-and-by the second private stretched his foot over the curb and went to sleep, too. It wasn't until afternoon that a noncom, rounding up stragglers, awoke them.

"Where did you get that champagne?" asked the noncom (with motives beyond question).

"Well," explained the smaller of the pair, "we hadn't had anything to eat but iron rations for five days, and not much of that, then we lost our outfit, and when we landed here we started out to buy something. The only thing

on sale in the whole town was a bottle of champagne, so we bought that."—Stars and Stripes.

Perseverance Does It.
"It's the allies' perseverance that won this war," said Senator Lewis. "The allies suffered defeat after defeat, but from each defeat they learned something."

"It's like the advice which the editor of the Cinnaminson Scimitar gave to an unlucky wooer who had been rejected by seven girls in turn. The editor wrote:

"Unlucky Wooer—Go ahead. Don't be discouraged. Never say die. You must have learned a lot by what you have gone through. Strives, you must hold something like a record. Well, stick all your experience together and make love to the next girl who comes round and 'takes your fancy. If she don't reciprocate try another. Remember, you only want one girl to say 'Yes' and she'll probably last your life."

How It Would Help.
The "patriot" who talked a lot and did very little was holding forth as usual.

"I'm thinking seriously of offering my motorboat to the government," he brayed.

"Do you mean the boat you had me out in last summer when the engine stopped and we had to row ten miles back?" asked his friend.

"Yes, that's it."

"Well, if you want to do your country a service," said the friend earnestly, "you should have given that boat to the Germans."

Portugal and Her Colonies.
The population of Portugal numbers 5,057,985 and the area of the country is 85,490 square miles. Her dependencies are Cape Verde Islands, Guinea, Principe and St. Thomas Islands, Angola, Mozambique. Her possession in China is Macao and her Indian possession is Goa. The population of the colonies is 8,735,354. Lisbon is the capital of Portugal.

Scan Well the "Printed Page."
The fact that we read from a printed page sometimes gives a false authority to the thoughts expressed. We remember Rhinegold's indignation, in Kipling's story, when he discovered that Yates had lied "in print." "Have a vigilant eye," says Milton, "how Books demean themselves as well as men, and sharpest justice on them as malefactors."

First Senate Chaplain.
The first chaplain of the United States senate was Rev. Samuel Provost of the Episcopal church and bishop of New York. The first chaplain of the house of representatives was Rev. William Lynn of the Presbyterian church. Both officiated in the first congress organized after the adoption of the Constitution.

Try to Read Wisely.
The habit of reading wisely is by no means an easy one to acquire, but unless acquired, the mind is likely to become so cloyed with literary sweet meats or satiated with academic treatises that it revolts indignantly, and for the time at least refuses to respond to the demands which habit places upon it.

Must Have Proper Foundation.
The flowers of rhetoric are only acceptable when backed by the evergreen of truth and sense. The granite statue, rough hewn though it be, is far more imposing in its simple and stern though rude proportions, than the plaster cast, however elaborately wrought and gilded.—Macaulay.

Persons to Avoid.
Unwelcome are the lotterer, who makes appointments he never keeps; the consultant, who asks advice he never follows; the booster, who seeks for praise he does not merit; the complainer, who whines only to be pitied; the talker, who talks only because he loves to talk always.—Selected.

Fifty-Fifty.
Another thing—when a lady walks the street leading a harnessed dog, which gets the most advertising?—Galveston News.

Daily Thought.
Earth gets its price for what earth gives us. "Tis heaven alone that is given away.—James Russell Lowell.

Diamond Not Most Valuable.
It is a popular error to suppose that the diamond is the most valuable of the precious stones. The relative value of the finer gems places the ruby at the head of the list; the diamond second, and following this, the sapphire. It is a very common occurrence to find a perfect diamond, but a perfect ruby is rare.

Peculiar Form of Bread.
The Indians along the Columbia river make a kind of bread from a moss that grows on the spruce fir tree. This moss is prepared by placing it in heaps, sprinkling it with water and permitting it to ferment. Then it is rolled into balls as big as a man's head, and these are baked in pits.

Amendment Hard to Repeal.
A law of congress can be quickly repealed or altered if it fails to work well, but a Constitutional amendment is practically beyond repeal. Though 30 states are required to put an amendment into the Constitution, it takes only 13 to keep it there, even against the will of all the others.

Substitute for Metal Pipes.
Piping of compressed cellulose is now being used abroad instead of metal pipes, according to reports. While satisfactory for hot and cold air and corrosive acids, it is not suitable for steam.

The Name Gutta Percha.
Gutta percha derives its name from the Malay word gutta, a gum, and percha, a cloth. It was introduced to the civilized world in 1842 by Doctor Montgomery, a Scottish surgeon.

Greasing the Ways.
Said the near-cynic: "You can say what you please about elbow grease being necessary for success, but the oily tongue has got it beat a thousand ways."

Uncle Eben.
"It's wrong," said Uncle Eben, "to shoot crap under any circumstances. But somehow winnin' do ease you conscience."

Daily Thought.
If we encountered a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what he thought, we should ask him what he thought.

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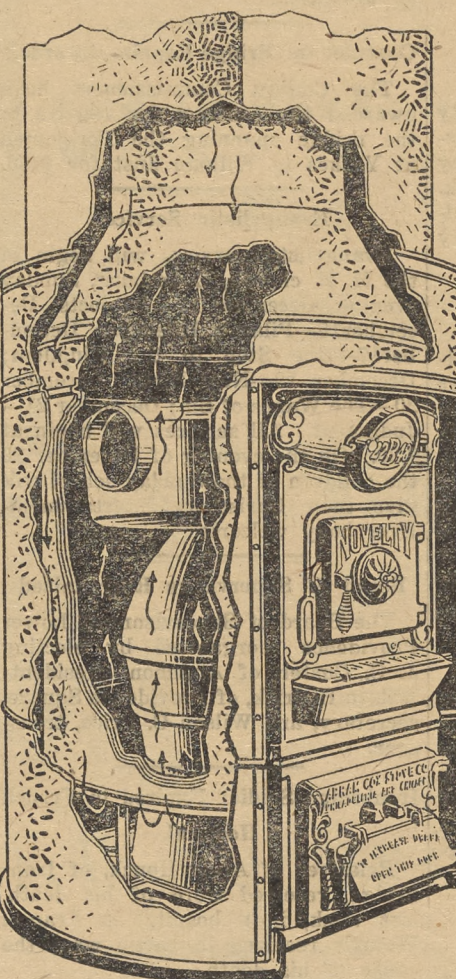
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The Vagrant Heart

By IMES MACDONALD

Some day there shall be written the complete history of the Vagrant Heart, and that history will contain a succession of strange episodes situated in various parts of the world. However, it will be no swashbuckling tale of shipwrecks, blood and valiant deeds, but the simple narrative of the almost-loves of Morgan Burke, a man of adventurous spirit and yet so gentle of heart that in the wake of his wanderings there died no tears of bitterness, nor floated a single heart carelessly cast forth as driftwood by his hand. For if women loved him, he had left them somehow content with a lesser love.

Still, no man of his like could have followed the strange path he had trod and returned unscathed. Memory is a tricky thing—sometimes she would draw him backward for five minutes perhaps, or an hour or a day—to Algiers, or Paris or Petrograd or Singapore. Also there was Manila and Honolulu or Frisco, Sidney, too, knowing him, and Taluni. He might have stayed on Taluni the island beautiful, but that is one of the episodes.

Back in his home city of Auckland he hailed him as an adventurer. His mother proudly exhibited him and cunningly planned his marriage, hoping thereby to keep him at home among his kind. Dutifully, though somewhat bored, he escorted her about—to be inspected and quizzed and smiled upon, for there was an unconscious bit of



The Spinster Watched Them.

foreign air about him that added to the mystery which the wind and sun of many lands had cast in his eyes and blended in the tan of his face.

Hence it was that on a certain night not long after his return he accompanied his mother to the Auckland School of Art to view the annual spring exhibit there. His mother was a patron of the school—being a patron of something was a hobby of hers—and Burke himself had contributed largely to the museum from the fruits of his travels. Like an automaton he shook the hands of dozens of very much alike young women, and boys so evidently courting genius and flowing fles—and then suddenly the hand he found in his was not the stereotyped, nervous hand, but a warm, flexible hand of substance. And as she straightened up from his rather low bow, his eyes took in her gown of golden-brown simplicity.

She herself was a living, breathing, elastic thing of gold, it seemed. Her hair, almost black, with its hint of golden shadows—the ivory gold of her skin—and her eyes, those oriental eyes—could love you eyes—all reminded him of Taluni and Ah-meenah. In an instant he had passed and forgotten the girl of the moment in memory of Ah-meenah, the girl of the past. There she stood high up on the roof above him, poised against the sky for her dive into the deep pool below, her dusky hair waving like a banner in the wind—then his heart turned sick at the memory of her faulty step, his mad rush that was too late to break the fall of her lovely body that lay broken and still on the rocks at his feet. With a tired sigh he slipped out of the noisy chattering throng that filled the great room and sought the lower corridor, where he sat on a stone bench and smoked deliberately in violation of all the rules.

Twenty minutes later he ascended the steps again. At the landing as he turned the corner of the stair he looked upward and there stood the girl of living gold with her hand on the rail poised in the act of descending. For a moment she gazed on him thus and then descended slowly, and when they met at the rail in the center of the flight—she smiled.

"You are so very young," he said, as if having made a strange discovery.

She half-turned to lean back against the rail and gazed into his eyes with her wide candid glance. "I am twenty-two," she said, pensive yet earnest.

His hand slid up and touched hers where it lay on the rail, but she seemed not to notice it.

"They are asking for you," she added, "upstairs." And she gestured with her head in the direction of the noisy gallery.

Morgan Burke looked on this composite woman and marveled. Of all his almost-loves she seemed to be a part. The gesture of her hand, the supple twist of her body as she stood there, the pulse of her heart, the glance of her eyes and the curve of her cheek—each was representative of some one charm of those others of his past.

"I almost believe I could love you," he said as in a dream.

For one pulsing moment she bent over him as he stood below her and caught his upturned face between her warm young hands.

they?" said Olive Dale, with a grave little smile.

"It is about Morgan Burke, Olive," continued the principal, kindly. "He is not for you, Olive. You must not break your heart over him, my dear. He has been courted by women all over the world, and is a spoiled young man. Why, there was even a princess in Budapest! It was the talk of Europe at the time. Wherever he has been it was always the same. The most beautiful, the most cultured, the most exclusive women in the land, were his for the taking. I do not want you to know unhappiness, Olive; you are to young and impressionable—and he, when the time comes, will enter a marriage of convenience with a girl of his mother's choosing."

The girl stood with a half smile, brooding thoughtfully eyes staring out through the swaying treelops. "None of that matters to me," she said. "If he loves me—I shall marry him."

There was a quick step in the open door of the office and both women turned swiftly. Morgan Burke stood just within the door looking into Olive's eyes. The principal watched them in amazement, for nothing seemed to exist for them but each other. Morgan took the eager hands that reached out for his own, for a long moment they stood thus—and then he swept her into his arms, kissing her eager mouth.

"I knew you could love me," murmured Olive.

"How could I help it?" he asked gently. "How could I help it?" And he led her out the door and down the stairs.

While from her window the spinster principal watched them as they wandered across the lawn toward the boulevard and the park beyond, and she sighed from within her heart for something she had missed perhaps for the first time in her self-centered life. And hand in hand those two young people walked into the dancing sun light, for Youth and Love in early summer cannot be denied. And so it was that the vagrant heart of Morgan Burke found happiness in the girl of his dreams, the composite woman, a symposium of all the charms characteristic of the almost-loves of his adventurous past.

HERALDRY TRACED TO BEASTS

Habit of Elephant Only One of Classic Myths Which Seem to Have Been Believed.

In the past, heraldic beasts were often chosen for elaborately allegorical reasons, founded upon classic myth. King Sisinah's elephant, for example, was shown surrounded by flies, and the motto was: "As best I can." The reference was to the crafty elephant, in which, according to Pliny, the kindly creature destroys his tiny enemies.

"Their skin is covered neither with hair nor bristle; no, nor so much as in their tails, which might serve them in good stead to drive away the busy and troublesome fly," the good old translator rendered Pliny, "but full their skin is of cross wrinkles lattle-wise; and therefore, when they are stretched along and perceive the flies by whole swarms settled on their skin, suddenly they draw these crinkles and crevices together close and so crush the flies all to death. This serves them instead of a tail, mane and long hair."

LOST SCULPTURE OF REIMS

Works of Art of Unfortunate City That Rivalled Those of the Greek School.

Four years ago the sculpture of Reims was one of the three great, original groups in France, the others being Chartres and Amiens. How they escaped, heaven knows, but they did. Saint Denis, Senlis and Laon, equal in beauty and in quality, fell easy prey to one of the golden savages or another until only few precious fragments are left, mutilated almost beyond recognition. Paris has been further degraded by barbarous restoration, and therefore Chartres remains as the exemplar of the high hieratic school of the twelfth century. Amiens of the supreme fulfillment of the thirteenth; for the great grey cliffs of Reims, with their matchless flowering of inconceivable, incredible statues, have been blasted by shell and calmed by fire, and the exquisite sculpture of all the craftsmen of France has crumbled, crumbled and fallen into indistinguishable dust.

I think it was the greatest sculpture of the middle ages; greater than Chartres, for this was merely a triumphant detail of architecture; greater than Amiens, since it was less cleverly naturalistic, more idealistic in its proportions, more vivid and more varied in its line and characterization, writes Ralph Adams Cram in the Yale Review. Medieval sculpture is often dealt with as inferiority, patronizingly commended as all very well, considering the time. I regard it as school of sculpture that stands on the same level with that of Greece. Heretofore Reims were many schools, many masters and each following had its own personal qualities. In all, however, we find a truly Greek quality of line and composition, a sense of dignity and power that is unique, vivid and convincing character, a terzization, and an indwelling devotion and religious passion that find their match neither before nor since.

FRONED ON ALL LUXURIES

At Many Times in Different Periods an Effort Has Been Made to Enforce Simplicity.

Luxury taxation is by no means a new idea. In Rome, more than 2,000 years ago, the Oppian law enacted that "no woman should possess more than half an ounce of gold, or wear a dress of different colors, or ride in a carriage in the city or within a mile of it except on occasions of public religious ceremonies." In 187 B. C. a law was passed to limit the number of guests at entertainments. A limit was set on the cost of funerals and of funeral monuments. And there would certainly be some outcry in this country against the methods of Julius Caesar, who had officers stationed in the market place to seize provisions forbidden by law, and sent soldiers to forests to remove illegal estates!

In our own country, the fourteenth century found extravagance in dress rampant, and during the reign of Edward III laws were made to restrain it. Food, also, has been regulated by old English laws. In the reign of Edward II a proclamation was issued against extravagant catering in the castles of "great men."—London Tit-Bits.

Everything Was All Right.

One of the policemen who took part in the bandit fight on Montgall the other day called his home immediately after hostilities ceased, to assure his wife that he was not injured.

His wife was in the apartment upstairs, but his mother-in-law was there and answered the telephone. She took the message and then went upstairs to reassure her daughter. "Now, don't get excited," she said, "for there's nothing serious. Now, everything will be all right, but you know the police have had a big fight with some train robbers out by the Belt line, and your husband—"

The wife slowly, softly, slipped from her chair in a dead faint. Ten minutes later she was revived. Then she said: "Well, tell me the rest."

"—And he called up to say he was all right, and will tell you about it at supper time."—Kansas City Star.

Electric Cast Iron.

A development of war conditions in the steel industry of the United States has been the demonstration of the possibility of making pig iron and iron castings direct from steel scrap in an electric furnace—something never accomplished before. It has been claimed that such iron, cast in the form of castings, is far superior to the same castings made from ordinary pig iron, melted and cast. Tests of this new iron recently made at Columbia university demonstrate its high quality. Its tensile strength was shown to be 40,780 to 45,000 pounds per square inch, much higher than that of ordinary cast iron.—Scientific American.

Frog Catcher Enlists.

Though Fritz is on the jump, his fate now is all the more certain. Peter Charon of New Haven, official frog catcher for the laboratories at Yale university, has enlisted in the marine corps.

"There isn't much doing in the frog line now," says Charon. "Before the war you used to hear them churning out their cries of 'Jug of rum! Jug of rum!' but now you can't find any of the creatures down our way. Besides there's no market since the laboratory men have all gone to war."

Charon is six feet and one inch in height. The marines consider him a good addition to their fighting corps.

Elusive Australian Birds.

No bird of eastern Australia is harder to find than the coachwhip, which comes out of the dense undergrowth only in the early mornings to water. It is the male which is responsible for the whiplike note. The call is often heard, but the seeker can rarely see the producer. The female answers the call with "pit-wit-wee" so rapidly that one would think both sounds proceeded from the same bird. If she does not answer he calls again, this time, however, omitting the whiplike crack. The nest is a loosely constructed dwelling of twigs lined with grass, and is in some well-concealed spot. On the north coast (N. S. W.) it is made in a bunch of lawyer vines, which, on account of the spines, makes access to the home almost impossible. There are two eggs at a sitting, bluish white with black markings.

Her Beau Was No Adonis.

A girl with a stunning figure, big brown eyes, peachlike complexion and wavy black hair, lovely enough to become the bride of a prince, stood around the Union station recently watching and waiting, relates the Topeka Globe. Finally her face became illuminated; a spindly, weak-eyed undersized young man slouched in sight, barely enough to stop a clock. The two talked, and every once in a while the princelike girl dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief. At last a train puffed in under the station shed. The young man waved an indifferent goodbye to the beautiful creature, who clung to him sobbing until he moved away. Is he her brother, her cousin, or her uncle? No; he is her beau. Girls are the funniest things in the world.

I Saw It in the Paper.

"I have just learned of a new way to remove a scorch from linen," said the woman who studies the papers. "I'm always scorching mine; tell me about it," requested the woman who did not know.

"It is a little troublesome at first. You put two ounces of fuller's earth into a pan, add half an ounce of white soap, the juice of two large onions and half a pint of vinegar. You boil this together for a few minutes, then you put in a covered vessel for future use. When you have a scorch, you spread this mixture on it with a knife. Let it dry on the cloth and the stain will disappear."

Business Courtesy.

A business man rises to welcome his wife or a woman friend or a woman relative who visits him at his office, but he does not rise to greet his stenographer or other woman employees. No business woman is justified in regarding this distinction as a snub. The custom cannot be construed to mean that the man does not respect his women employees highly. It simply means that in the business world, as nowhere else, women and men are all human beings working together, and on much the same plane of courtesy.

Novel Treatment.

A whirlpool bath is the novel treatment applied at a hospital in Manchester, England, for cases of rheumatism, following typhoid and dysentery. The tank, large enough for 12 men, contains 4 feet of water and is provided with seats on which the bathers are immersed to their necks. The temperature is kept at 93 degrees Fahrenheit, just below that of the body. The room is quiet and dimly lighted, and after an hour in the bath the men go to rest rooms.

By a Long Path.

"All that is possible is open to us by a long path. There is no instantaneous liberty or wisdom, language or religion." Even that which comes to us as a sudden revelation is but the opening of our eyes or minds to behold that which has long been begun to tell the truth. It reaches us as the sunlight does in the morning, when it has travelled around the world.

Copper in Canned Goods.

Copper compounds are sometimes used in canned goods, such as peas, beans and spinach, given additional tinge to the green tint. Precautionary measures should be taken to detect the presence of these compounds. Vegetables suspected of containing copper should be mashed in a dish, a little muriatic acid added and the contents warmed. The residue is strained out through a fine cloth and thrown away. The resultant liquid is kept and ammonia water in excess of the acid is added to it. The presence of a deep blue coloration shows that the substance tested contains copper. This simple test will enable one to avoid copper poisoning.

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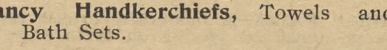
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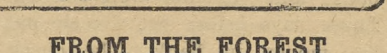
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Small Things Once Precious.

In the reign of Henry VIII, a needle was so valuable a thing that an English comedy was written about the loss of one. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, a pair of gloves were held to be a fitting gift for the sovereign. Henry IV of France, a poor and a frugal monarch, committed one extravagance, which was commented upon by the court and noted down in Sully's memoirs. He used as many handkerchiefs as he required when he had a cold in his head.

Ancients Get Underserved Credit.

Asphaltum, gathered from the fountain of Is on the banks of the Euphrates, was used in building the walls of Babylon. Much of the talk about the skill of the ancients and their lost arts is all a myth. They should be given full credit for what they did, but such walls as those of Babylon and such structures as the Pyramids could be built far more easily and quickly at the present time. Now, however, people have more important work to do, and greater things to achieve.

Imitation Elks' Teeth.

Imitation elks' teeth in large quantities recently have made their appearance in the local market to the alarm of jewelers who deal in the genuine article. Some of the bogus teeth are easily detected. Others made of bone or walrus tusks are fair imitations of the genuine. A sure test, the jeweler says, is to immerse the teeth in muriatic acid. The acid will bleach and roughen the better imitations and almost disintegrate the poorer ones.

The Razor in Civilization.

Busts of the Caesars show them to have been clean-shaven. Men in the eighteenth century rolled stiff further on the barber's art, for they shaved their heads as well. Hogarth has painted a beau of this period who by some chance had his wig removed, which gives him the look of an elderly baby. The uncouth appearance of the barbarians, which shocked the Romans, was due to a good deal to the neglect of these wild men to dress their hair.

Don't Keep Friends Waiting.

Be prompt in keeping social engagements. The man or woman who is invariably late soon merits disrespect for his own convenience and becomes unpopular with his friends. No excuse is compensation to a friend for having to wait for half an hour after the appointed meeting time. In making appointments allow a little time for possible delays—then appear promptly at the hour set.—Biddy Bye.

Plants That Grow in Craters.

In the crater of the extinct volcano, Hualakalan, in the Hawaiian Islands, there flourishes a curious plant, locally known as "Silver Swords." They are evidently some kind of cacti. Efforts to propagate them elsewhere have, it is said, always failed. The crater where they are found is a huge donut-shaped bowl, absolutely dry and devoid of any other form of vegetation.

The "Seckel" Pear.

G. D. Seckel, Headman tells me: "The gentleman for whom I was named, George David Seckel, brought a pear tree from France which he had planted on his farm and he named the fruit the 'Seckel pear' after himself, as it was the first of the kind in this country. Mr. Seckel's city residence was on Walnut street below Fifth, where he died about the year 1860."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Music Is the Word of Germany.

Music is the word of Germany. The German people, so much curbed as a nation, so emancipated as thinkers, sing with a somber delight. To sing seems a deliverance from bondage. Music expresses that which cannot be said, and which cannot be suppressed. Therefore is Germany all music in anticipation of the times when she shall be all freedom.—Victor Hugo.

Very Sound Asleep.

Two men had argued about politics until at length they had come to blows. "Sir," said one with dignity, "you have called me a knave and a fool, you have broken my spectacles, you have punched me twice. I hope you will not rouse the sleeping lion in my breast, for if you should, I cannot tell what may be the consequences."

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